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FORMER POSTAL EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR MAIL THEFT

BOSTON - A Boston man and former postal employee was sentenced in federal court for stealing mail from his postal route.

Andrae Wilson, 31, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge William Young to four months in prison to be followed by two years of supervised release. Wilson was also ordered to repay over \$9,000 he spent using a stolen credit card. Wilson pleaded guilty to two counts of mail theft by a postal employee in October 2011.

Had the case proceeded to trial the Government's evidence would have proven that the defendant was employed as a Part-Time-Flexible Letter Carrier in Roxbury beginning in November 2004. In January 2007, a Roxbury resident complained that a credit card had been stolen from her mail and used to purchase thousands of dollars of goods and services. All the purchases were made during the month of December 2006. After reviewing surveillance video from one of the stores where the stolen credit card was used, it was determined that Wilson was the one using the resident's credit card. A review of delivery records indicated that Wilson was the mail carrier assigned to the route that included the resident's address.

United States Attorney Carmen M. Ortiz and Rafael Medina, Acting Special Agent in Charge, United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, Northeast Area Field Office, made the announcement today. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey M. Cohen of Ortiz's Public Corruption Unit.

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